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Dear Attorneys General;

I'm a little confused by the terms of the settlement offer[s] being tendered by to, and additionally those being tendered by, Microsoft to settle the litigation regarding monopoly powers.

Of particular grave concern is Microsoft's offer to "donate one billion dollars of software and hardware" as a less than honorable means to settle the class actions suits outside the Federal anti-trust suit.

Does it not strike anybody that this will only EXTEND Microsoft's monopoly? Surely Microsoft is not going to be donating Apple equipment, nor any other software/hardware combination that is outside their existing monopoly. It is clear that this would only continue to hurt American consumers by further eroding any competing platform by simply removing a marketplace. This is no different from Microsoft blanketing consumers with free add-in software that destroyed potential marketplaces for internet browsers and word processing software.

Please do not let Microsoft off without first protecting consumers, and manufacturers, from this monopoly.

Regards,

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